

Perry, A-L.

Gilman Correspondence

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Penny, A. L.

Williams College, Feb. 25, 1869.

Prof. Gilman

My dear Sir

Providence thwarted  
our proposed interview the other morning. I  
found that Mrs. Learned was ill, and did  
not think to designate to the young lady  
who came to the door the place where  
you might find me. So I went to Mr.  
Bliss - store for about 25 minutes, and  
returned to that street, and perambula-  
ted several times back and forth thinking  
to intercept you. I then went to the  
college library remembering that you had  
spoken of going there. Finding that you  
had been there and gone, I gave up, as  
I knew you were to be engaged in the  
afternoon. I had a very pleasant time  
at Dr. Woolsey's, and came away thinking  
as usual, that New-Haven is a very

nicer place. As the boatswain of the ship that took Napoleon to Elba returned thanks in the name of the crew for the purse presented them by the Emperor by wishing him his health and better luck next time, so we can not do better than hope the same.

I shall send you now in a very few days, a copy of the fifth edition which I am confident, you will find in many respects more to your mind than the old ones.

Very truly Yours,

A. L. Perry



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Penny, A.L.

Williams College, Feb. 29, 1868.

Prof. Gilman

My Dear Sir

I am now thoroughly re-  
vising from beginning to end my book on Political  
Economy, rewriting some of the chapters, and making  
changes wherever they seem to be needed. I should  
be very glad to receive from you your frank  
criticisms on any points that have struck you  
as defective or erroneous. I am expecting to reduce  
the bulk of the book, as well as to improve its  
quality; and any suggestions you may be willing  
to favor me with, will be very thankfully acce-  
ed. I am sure of being able to put the chapters  
"Money" & "Credit" into much better shape and  
into smaller compass.

With pleasant remembrances of my interview  
with you at Prof. Whitney's, to whom I beg you will  
present my regards, I remain,

Yours, very truly,

A.L. Penny

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Perry

1869

Williams College Jan. 12, 69.

My Dear Sir

Thank you for your  
kind words of my wee paper. —

I hope to make a flying visit  
to New Haven in late February or early  
March, and if I do, I will surely see  
you. Mr. Scribner has promised to  
send you a copy of the new edition  
of my book as soon as it is out. It  
is already printed, but awaits the sale  
of a few old copies before its publi-  
cation. I hope and believe that you  
will find it every way better than the  
edition you are using. Much is new,  
and all is carefully revised. If you and  
the public will bear with me, I will  
make it better still in the good time  
coming. Pol. Econ. is not mastered in a day.

Very kindly, Yours, A. S. Perry



Perry: A. S.

Williams College, April 15, 1876.

President Gilman

My Dear Sir

Remsen is all right in all respects. He is genial, social, witty; and at the same time, modest, sensible, and thoroughly respectful of the rights of others. Indeed, I do not know but he is as good a coadjutor in things general, as he is an instructor in things particular. We are very sorry to have him leave us; and there is no prospect that, in this generation at least, we shall be able to get another so good a man. —

I am just back from New Haven. While there, I had a good deal of talk with Carter about recommending to you for a Latin Fellowship Frederic William Fiske of our class of 1872. He took all our prizes right along in the Classical department, and is confessedly the best linguist ever graduated here, estimated at the time of graduation.



He has now been teaching nearly four years in a classical school at South Williamstown. He wants, and means to give his life to the Latin language. Carter thinks that it will be fatal to him as a candidate that he has never published anything by which his capacity can be judged by others than his old teachers; and we agreed to recommend him to wait a year & write an article for the New Englander or for the Philological Society, or some Latin translations. He will do just what we say. I can't help thinking that he would be a good man for you to "have round" at Baltimore from the outset. He is willing to do endless work has been studying Sanscrit by himself and would delight to go to Baltimore in the Fall. Carter knows him better than I do, of course; and perhaps our conclusion was the best.

Yours very truly A. L. Perry